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Report of the Secretary-General

ANNEX

Submission from the Permanent Mission of Malta
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THE MALTESE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

1. The latest known figures of total population, including non-nationals by country of birth, are those obtainable from the latest Census held in 1995, which are as follows:

Malta	360,392
United Kingdom	6,223
Italy	776
France	114
Germany	377
Other EU Member Countries	408
Other European Countries	574
USA	971
Canada	1,617
Australia	4,008
Libya	508
Other Countries	2,164
Total	378,132

The number of migrants by country of residence and returned migrants by country of last permanent residence for the years 1931/32 up to 1996, are shown in attached Appendix A.

The number of non-nationals authorised to work in Malta as on the 11 May 1998 was 2100.

During 1997 there were a total of 385 foreigners who overstayed, landed without permit/sufficient means, used forged or false travel documents or were found working without necessary permit. The countries of origin and the relative number of these foreigners were as follows:

Bulgaria	146
Libya	94
Egypt	27
Morocco	19
Tunisia	19
Bangladesh	17
Syria	15
Others	48
Total	385

During the same year there were a total of 2,110 inadmissible passengers which were coming from the following countries of origin:

Morocco	554
Egypt	495
Tunisia	293
Libya	127
Sudan	114
Bangladesh	72
Syria	46
Pakistan	43
Ghana	40
Turkey	31
India	28
Nigeria	23
Sierra Leone	20
Somalia	19
Gambia	18
Russia	16
Algeria	14
Bulgaria	14
Lebanon	13
Yugoslavia	11
Iraq	10
Other	109

2. On the 27 May 1971, Malta acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms or Racial Discrimination. As can be seen from the demographic information supplied in reply to question 1, there is no significant ethnic minority which warrants any fear as to the safeguarding of any ethnic minority's rights. It is for this reason that the need is not felt to enact ad hoc legislation in this respect. Indeed it is felt that the existing legal provisions guarantee a social life which excludes racial discrimination. The setting up of the Office of the Ombudsman in 1995, with the function to investigate administrative actions taken by or on behalf

of Government Departments, Local Councils and other public authorities ensures the protection of the individual, irrespective of his/her nationality, against any abuse and will see that the administration is just and fair in its decisions. This promotes freedom and justice in an effective and efficient manner.

Campaigns are undertaken from time to time in the media to raise the public awareness against racial discrimination. The concept of racial tolerance and understanding is included in the compulsory social studies component of the national curriculum. Students are encouraged to correspond with children in other countries and efforts are continuously made to increase the number of foreign students studying in Malta. The number of foreign students studying English in Malta is ever on the increase with a number of these students being hosted by Maltese families. All these measures are encouraged and are seen as a means of preventing problems related to racism and discrimination.

3. No manifestations referred to in the question have been experienced.

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Table 30.

EMIGRANTS — Country of future permanent residence						Year	RETURNING EMIGRANTS — Country of last permanent residence					
Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total		Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total
63	12	187	73	926	1,261	1931/32	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	6	114	76	1,317	1,554	1932/33	...	...	...	...	...	...
100	4	157	184	891	1,336	1933/34	...	...	...	...	...	...
107	6	267	262	789	1,431	1934/35	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	5	459	143	606	1,375	1935/36	...	...	...	...	...	...
156	1	662	126	606	1,730	1936/37	...	...	...	...	...	...
149	6	1,079	259	825	2,318	1937/38	...	...	...	...	...	...
305	2	672	136	446	1,561	1938/39	...	...	...	...	...	...
129	-	390	156	385	1,054	1939/40	...	...	...	...	...	...
66	3	870	67	252	1,278	1946	35	-	73	22	152	282
366	27	1,536	351	166	2,446	1947	21	2	118	36	124	301
880	713	846	654	52	3,150	1948	13	68	18	28	9	131
3,618	258	1,137	302	54	5,369	1949	27	41	21	13	1	109
5,563	863	1,038	1,022	17	8,503	1950	239	35	175	44	2	495
4,006	1,607	1,234	831	14	7,692	1951	232	135	40	63	-	470
2,161	680	1,200	1,293	11	5,345	1952	606	144	193	65	3	1,009
1,376	770	1,702	683	1	4,532	1953	439	117	261	132	-	949
8,470	963	1,690	299	28	11,447	1954	240	157	377	176	-	950
6,442	425	1,872	266	2	9,007	1955	267	169	315	110	-	861
2,724	383	1,161	27	7	4,492	1956	131	64	164	27	-	388
1,286	739	960	292	8	3,285	1957	1,097	119	408	47	-	1,671
1,648	503	805	196	3	3,152	1958	583	93	193	30	-	899
1,675	472	744	174	-	3,265	1959	361	38	58	8	-	465
2,304	509	878	142	8	3,841	1960	356	12	11	3	-	382
2,140	213	1,112	108	7	3,580	1961	419	21	8	3	-	451
2,051	371	1,129	76	14	3,641	1962	230	52	237	6	-	525
4,152	905	1,332	92	98	6,579	1963	361	9	162	3	1	536
5,923	1,181	1,597	87	199	8,987	1964	263	18	160	2	52	495

* Emigration was negligible during war years

Source: Department of Emigration, Labour and Social Welfare

32. MIGRATION YEARLY FROM 1965 TO 1975

Emigrants						Year	Returning Emigrants					
Country of future permanent residence							Country of last permanent residence					
Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total		Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total
5,349	1,113	1,444	84	100	8,090	1965	314	34	164	-	18	530
2,258	648	1,092	282	60	4,340	1966	114	2	77	-	-	193
2,081	752	856	21[illegible]	21	3,971	1967	1	-	35	-	-	36
1,564	478	638	258	54	2,892	1968	337	-	4	2	-	343
1,229	394	683	299	43	2,648	1969	49	26	181	26	-	282
1,469	332	640	819	36	2,696	1970	33	33	216	32	3	317
1,762	308	527	178	23	2,798	1971	11	6	123	3	-	143
1,853	467	597	213	33	3,163	1972	25	14	148	13	2	202
2,416	768	603	253	19	4,059	1973	21	39	154	12	4	230
2,595	755	581	252	6	4,189	1974	63	57	393	21	1	535
691	441	254	226	12	1,624	1975	558	517	1,572	269	41	2,957

32. MIGRANTS YEARLY FROM 1976 TO 1986

Emigrants						Year	*Returning Emigrants					
Country of future permanent residence							Country of last permanent residence					
Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	TOTAL		Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	TOTAL
619	202	113	162	11	1107	1976	1344	318	721	76	13	2472
796	213	97	126	5	1237	1977	1286	238	615	113	9	2261
959	269	100	246	3	1577	1978	935	279	394	63	7	1678
765	248	82	205	3	1303	1979	1177	347	598	158	9	2289
981	213	48	129	3	1374	1980	886	170	622	61	6	1753
1548	271	30	106	11	1966	1981	745	203	591	92	13	1644
636	135	46	104	17	938	1982	497	94	509	88	5	1193
403	66	49	103	20	641	1983	439	98	447	69	- 1	1052
356	91	65	86	31	629	1984	231	112	253	56	2	654
493	64	47	99	28	731	1985	247	120	271	59	3	700
525	88	26	72	26	737	1986	263	165	149	43	2	622

* Figures comprise all returned emigrants; Data, as submitted by Director of Labour up to June 1985, thereafter estimated.

32. MIGRANTS YEARLY FROM 1987 TO 1996

Emigrants						Year	Returning Emigrants					
Country of future permanent residence							Country of last permanent residence					
Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total		Australia	Canada	United Kingdom	U.S.A.	Other	Total
475	79	43	49	24	670	1987	153	78	100	27	7	365
339	108	43	41	30	561	1988	506	103	195	105	27	936
217	74	43	43	22	399	1989	430	97	121	60	14	722
81	27	10	27	15	160	1990	410	98	201	104	45	858
78	23	9	20	10	140	1991	525	130	259	160	50	1124
83	24	12	23	11	153	1992	396	97	188	85	54	820
31	8	10	12	5	66	1993	346	106	249	66	70	837
54	3	9	35	3	104	1994	262	108	233	78	80	761
55	3	10	36	3	107	1995	191	81	204	61	84	621
51	...	43	...	...	94	1996	127	52	124	44	52	399

Source:

Re-Returned Emigrants: The 1987 figures were supplied by the Dept. of Trade. Since 1988 the Dept. of Customs has been furnishing the data.

Re-Emigrants: The 1995 figures have been estimated, since the Dept. of Labour has stopped keeping records of prospective emigrants, whereas the 1996 figures were supplied by the respecitve embassies.